

EXCERPT from Transcript of President Kennedy's News Conference
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Q. Mr. President, when Mr. Powers completes this interrogation and he is free to testify, what will his status be? Will the Government still have any claim on his services or will he be a free agent to go as he pleases?

A. Well, he is a free agent, as I have said at the present time, to go as he pleases. He is cooperating voluntarily with the Government, and at the conclusion of the present discussions, he will be free to carry on whatever work he should choose.